

will try to finish the question period and then I would recognize Delegate Powers.

Delegate Chabot, do you have a question?

DELEGATE CHABOT: Yes, sir. Delegate Byrnes, you described very briefly some of the general statistical results comparing the presidential elections with other elections.

Did I understand correctly that the first of the alternatives the minority is going to present, however, would not involve the presidential years but would involve the counties running with the governor?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Byrnes.

DELEGATE BYRNES: I cited evidence of the value of merging county elections with both gubernatorial and presidential year elections and I suggested that the first amendment would be that the status quo be retained and that gubernatorial and county level elections be merged. If that failed, we would seek the possibility of suggesting an amendment to presidential years.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: Let us examine some of the matters with regard to the governor, if you will.

You have the statistics. Could you indicate to us what sort of drop-off there was in the City of Baltimore between the vote for the head of the ticket in the gubernatorial elections and the vote for the head of the ticket in the mayoralty elections in those years that you have figures? What was the average reduction?

DELEGATE BYRNES: The average reduction? I have to go through each one.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: Could you give us whatever you can that would be meaningful to indicate the extent of reduction?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Byrnes.

DELEGATE BYRNES: You are talking now from mayor to the president of the city council, et cetera? Is that the drop-off you mean?

DELEGATE CHABOT: I am talking about the drop-off between the vote for the head of the ticket in the gubernatorial year, total vote for governor, to the vote for the head of the ticket in the mayoralty

year, that is, the total vote for the mayor. What was the drop-off between those figures?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Byrnes.

DELEGATE BYRNES: I think I cited the 1963 Baltimore City figures, compared to the 1966, sorry, Baltimore County, I have cited approximately 12 percent difference.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: My question was, taking one jurisdiction at a time, in Baltimore City what was the drop-off? The figures, I understand, based on material that was distributed to members of the Committee on Suffrage and Election today and yesterday in response to a request by you, indicate that from 1962 to 1963, the vote was actually greater in the mayoralty election in Baltimore than the gubernatorial election and it indicates that from 1958 to 1959 the vote was substantially greater in the mayoralty election than in the gubernatorial election.

I wonder if those statistical results are correct, that is, that in Baltimore City at least more voters exercised the right with regard to the top of the ticket in the mayoralty elections in those two years than the gubernatorial elections in the preceding years.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Byrnes.

DELEGATE BYRNES: I have in 1962 the turnout in Baltimore City for governor was 48 percent. Is that the figure you are citing?

DELEGATE CHABOT: I have 203,000 votes cast for governor in 1962.

DELEGATE BYRNES: That is right, 48.6 percent.

DELEGATE CHABOT: And 212,000 votes cast for mayor in 1963.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Byrnes, do you accept those figures?

DELEGATE BYRNES: Yes, it is what I have, which is a higher turnout for mayor in 1963.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: And in 1958 I have 151,000 votes for governor while in